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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

Opposer Information

| Name | NEW WAVE INNOVATIONS, INC. |
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| Granted to Date of previous extension | 09/17/2014 |
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Applicant Information

| Application No | 86108666 | Publication date | 05/20/2014 |
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| Opposition Filing Date | 09/16/2014 | Opposition Peri- od Ends | 09/17/2014 |
| Applicant | Mr. Foamer, Inc. 164 Barbados Drive Jupiter, FL 33458 UNITED STATES | | |

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 003. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: car wash cleaning and polishing prepara-

Class 035. First Use: 2012/08/10 First Use In Commerce: 2012/08/10

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Online retail store services featuring car wash equipment and parts thereof

Class 037. First Use: 2013/11/02 First Use In Commerce: 2013/11/02

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: installation and maintenance of car wash equipment and parts thereof

Grounds for Opposition

| False suggestion of a connection | Trademark Act section 2(a) | | |
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| Priority and likelihood of confusion | Trademark Act section 2(d) | | |
| Torres v. Cantine Torresella S.r.l.Fraud | 808 F.2d 46, 1 USPQ2d 1483 (Fed. Cir. 1986) | | |

| Other | Registration is barred under doctrine of Quasi |
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| | Estoppel |

Mark Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

| U.S. Application No. | 86304665 | Application Date | 06/09/2014 | |
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| Registration Date | NONE | Foreign Priority Date | NONE | |
| Word Mark | MR. FOAMER | | | |
| Design Mark | MR. F | OAN | IER | |
| Description of Mark | NONE | | | |
| Goods/Services | Class 035. First use: First Use: 2011/12/15 First Use In Commerce: 2011/12/15 Online retail store services featuring car wash equipment and parts thereof | | | |

| Related Proceed-ings | Tm Application SN 86/304,665 Tm Application SN 86/303,800 |
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| Attachments | 86304665#TMSN.png(bytes) TmOppLessExhibits.pdf(1632853 bytes) OppExhibit1.pdf(2084856 bytes) OppExhibit2.pdf(2308099 bytes) OppExhibit3.1.pdf(2345750 bytes) OppExhibit4.pdf(1262131 bytes) |

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Re:

Dear Sir/Madam:

New Wave Innovations, Inc. v. Mr. Foamer, Inc.

Opposition by New Wave Innovations, Inc. ("NWI")

Mark: Mr. Foamer

Application Ser. No. 86/108,666' Date of First Use: August 2012

FACTUAL BASIS FOR OPPOSITION

- 1. New Wave Innovations, Inc. has applied for registration of the Mr. Foamer mark as a service mark for its distribution of commercial car wash products. Each of these applications were filed on or about June 19, 2014, SN 86/304,665 & SN 86/303,800, filing receipts annexed hereto as Exhibits "1" & "2". The NWI date of first use is November/December 2011, which is prior in time to the date of first use alleged in Application Ser. No. 86/108,666
- 2. Both NWI and Mr. Foamer, Inc., are competitors; and, each manufacture and distribute commercial car wash foam generators, and accessory product, which are virtually indistinguishable from one another. There has and continues to exist confusion. including specifically reverse confusion between these companies, and their respective products.
- 3. On or about July 16, 2013, NWI has sued Mr. Foamer et al in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida, New Wave Innovations, Inc. v. James (Jim) McClimond, Case No. 2013-CV-22541. The claims asserted against Mr. Foamer et al, include unfair competition based upon unfair competition, trade secret theft, common law trademark and trade dress infringement. Copy of Amended (current) Complaint annexed hereto as Exhibit "3".

- 4. On or about October 29, 2013, the District Court conducted an evidentiary hearing on a NWI Motion for Preliminary Injunction. The Defendants (Mr. Foamer, Inc.) put on a classic "fair use" defense e.g. the NWI Mr. Foamer mark was merely descriptive, lack any secondary meaning within the trade and had never been used by any of the Defendants, including Mr. Foamer, Inc. in association with any of the products or services of his company, See *Kelly-Brown v. Winfrey* Docket No. 12-1207-cv (Decided Dec. 31, 2103) 2nd Cir., 2013, for more detailed discussion of defense.
- 5. In support of this "fair use" defense, the Jim McClimond, the founder and corporate representative of Mr. Foamer, Inc.,
 - a. filed an affidavit in Opposition to the Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction in which he stated under oath that Mr. Foamer, Inc. has not used the terms "Mr. Foamer", in connection with the sale of a product (Affidavit of McClimond, DE 50-1 @ 13 annexed hereto as Exhibit "3"

<u>Paragraph 13</u> of the McClimond Affidavit states in unequivocal terms

- 13. Mr. Foamer does not use a trademark containing the terms MR. FOAMER in connection with the sale of any product
- b. testified, under oath, that that Mr. Foamer, Inc. has not used the terms "Mr. Foamer", in connection with the sale of products, Hearing on October 29, 2013, Tx @ page 217 @ line 5-8; & page 219, lines 5-7, annexed hereto as Exhibit "4"
- 6. Notwithstanding the prior representations, under oath, in the pending Federal District Court litigation involving the parties, Applicant filed a Federal application (Serial No. 86/108,666) with the US Trademark Office seeking Federal Registration of the terms "Mr. Foamer" for "car wash cleaning & polishing preparations" and for "sale of car wash equipment and parts thereof, including sale of equipment to others", in direct contradiction of the McClimond Affidavit and testimony before the Federal District Court.
- 7. Notwithstanding the NWI requests for production of documents to Mr. Foamer, Inc. in the pending Federal District Court litigation involving the parties, Mr. Foamer, Inc. did not produce any document manifesting any trademark usage of the MR., FOAMER mark. Only now has Applicant produced and submitted an exemplar in support of registration illustrating, Mr. Foamer, Inc. use in commerce, wherein the Mr. Foamer mark is illustrated with the "tm" superscript. This exemplar was either withheld during discovery and thereby concealed from the Court at the time of the hearing on the NWI Motion for Preliminary Injunction, because of its obvious conflict with the "fair use" defense to trademark infringement; and alternatively, was created after the October 29, 2013, for sole purpose of support the subject registration.

8. NWI has, since the discovery of the Mr. Foamer, Inc. trademark application, filed a *Motion to Strike* its pleadings in the litigation before the Federal District Court, based upon the apparent misconduct before the Federal District Court, Motion to Strike annexed hereto as **Exhibit "5"**

BASIS OF OPPOSITION

- A. The verified statements contained in the Mr. Foamer, Inc. trademark *Application Ser. No. 86/108,666*, are <u>fraudulent</u>. There was no use of the MR. FOAMER mark by the applicant in <u>August 2012</u>, based upon its sworn testimony before the Federal District Court. The exemplar use in support the trademark *Application Ser. No. 86/108,666*, was <u>fabricated</u> after October 29, 2013, solely for the purposes of filing an application for registration.
- B. The Mr. Foamer, Inc. trademark *Application Ser. No. 86/108,666*, is barred from registration by the equitable doctrine of Quasi Estoppel, *County School Bd. of Henrico County, Virginia. v. RT, a minor, et al.*, 433 F.Supp.2d 692, 705 (E.D. Va., 2006)

In general, modern courts have held that <u>quasi-estoppel</u> applies when the offending party takes a different position than his or her original position, and, either the offending party gains an advantage or causes a disadvantage to the other party; the other party is induced to change positions; or, it would be unconscionable to permit the offending party to maintain an inconsistent position from which it has already derived a benefit or in which it has acquiesced. See, e.g., Atwood v. Smith, ___ P.3d __ (Idaho 2006), 2006 WL 1420821, * 3 (not yet released for official publication). As compared to equitable estoppel, quasi-estoppel does not require a showing of detrimental reliance. Instead, there must only be evidence that it would be unconscionable to permit the offending party to assert the allegedly contrary positions.²⁴

As applicable to the facts of this case, Mr. Foamer, Inc. is bound by its representations, under oath, before the United States Federal District Court, in its "fair use" defense of the NWI claims for trademark infringement, specifically, that it <u>had not used</u> the "MR. FOAMER", as a trademark, as of the date of the hearing on Motion for Preliminary Injunction (October 29, 2013). Such estoppel further reinforces the NWI contention that the exemplar submitted in support of its registration was created <u>after October 29, 2013</u>.

- C. There has been <u>actually confusion</u> between the Applicant's use of the MR. FOAMER mark and the NWI use of the MR. FOAMER mark. More specifically, at least one individual who received the NWI Christmas card and solicitation in 2011, went on-line searching for NWI products associated with the MR. FOAMER mark, and ordered what he believed to be NWI products from Mr. Foamer, Inc., only realizing his error after the Mr. Foamer, Inc. product was delivered, and closely compared to the NWI literature.
- D. There has been <u>actual confusion</u> between the Mr. Foamer, Inc., products and NWI products, Mr. Foamer, Inc., products having been returned to NWI for repair or replacement
- E. There has been <u>"reverse" confusion</u> between the Applicant's use of the MR. FOAMER mark and the NWI use of the MR. FOAMER mark. More specifically, NWI customers have questioned the NWI use of the MR. FOAMER mark, because of their mistaken belief that the MR. FOAMER mark belonged to Mr. Foamer, Inc.

VERIFICATION

I am authorized to represent the New Wave Innovations, Inc. in this Opposition to the registration of the MR. FOAMER mark, and to execute this verification, under 28 USC 1001, et seq, and herein verify the factual statements made herein are truthful and accurate and where based upon information and belief, the foregoing statements are believed to be accurate.

/John H. Faro/

- YOUR MARK: MR. FOAMER (Standard Characters, mark.jpg)
 The literal element of the mark consists of MR. FOAMER.
 The mark consists of standard characters, without claim to any particular font, style, size, or color.
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SUMMARY OF APPLICATION DATA FOLLOWS:

APPLICATION DATA: Trademark/Service Mark Application, Principal Register

The applicant, NEW WAVE INNOVATIONS, INC, a corporation of Florida, having an address of C/O FARO & ASSOCIATES,

1395 BRICKELL AVENUE - SUITE 800 MIAMI, Florida 33131 United States

requests registration of the trademark/service mark identified above in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the Principal Register established by the Act of July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. Section 1051 et seq.), as amended, for the following:

International Class 035: Online retail store services featuring car wash equipment and parts thereof.

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Specimen-1 [SPE0-9823848233-191724805_._2011_Chistmas_Card_Specimen.jpg]

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A fee payment in the amount of \$325 has been submitted with the application, representing payment for 1 class(es).

Declaration

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goods/services in the application, and such use by the applicant's related company or licensee inures to the benefit of the applicant; the specimen(s) shows the mark as used on or in connection with the goods/services in the application; and/or if the applicant filed an application under 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b), Section 1126(d), and/or Section 1126(e), the applicant is entitled to use the mark in commerce; the applicant has a bona fide intention to use or use through the applicant's related company or licensee the mark in commerce on or in connection with the goods/services in the application. The signatory believes that to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief, no other person has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form or in such near resemblance as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion or mistake, or to deceive. The signatory being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or any registration resulting therefrom, declares that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Declaration Signature

Signature: /JOHN H. FARO/ Date: 06/09/2014

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Thank you,

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- 1. **YOUR MARK:** Mr. Foamer cartoon characture in costume (stylized and/or with design, mark 9823848233-101423603 . Mr. Foamer Drawing Resized.jpg)
 - The literal element of the mark consists of Mr. Foamer cartoon characture in costume. The applicant is not claiming color as a feature of the mark. The mark consists of Mr. Foamer cartoon character in seasonal holiday Christmas attire (Santa Claus hat).
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The name(s), portrait(s), and/or signature(s) shown in the mark does not identify a particular living individual.

The mark was first used anywhere in a different form other than that sought to be registered at least as early as 12/15/2011, and in commerce at least as early as 12/15/2011.

The Mr. Foamer cartoon character is a seasonal or holiday mark. Accordingly, the Mr. Foamer cartoon character is attired in different holiday or seasonal apparel to coincide with a holiday or seasonal event, e.g. thanksgiving, Halloween, etc

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Declaration Signature

Signature: /JOHN FARO/ Date: 06/09/2014

Signatory's Name: JOHN H. FARO

Signatory's Position: ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Thank you,

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 13-cv-22541

nd the president of Mr. Foamer, Inc. ("Mr. Foamer).

Mr. Foamer and Car Wash Experts

- Mr. Foamer and Car Wash Experts are both in existence. 2.
- Mr. Foamer is a separate company from Car Wash Experts and Car Wash 3. Experts is not a predecessor in-interest to Mr. Foamer.
- Mr. Foamer sells car wash foam generators also known as foamers, car 4. wash foam applicators and other car wash related products manufactured by Mr. Foamer.

Representations Made by Myself, Mr. Foamer or Car Wash Experts

- 16. Mr. Foamer has never alleged on its website, www.mrfoamer.com, that Mr. Foamer provided a comparable car wash foamer to the New Wave Turbo Foam Generator.
- 17. Mr. Foamer has never told customers that the Mr. Foamer Twist N' Kleen was the same product as the New Wave Turbo Foam Generator.
- 18. Mr. Foamer has never represented that Mr. Foamer was the East coast address for New Wave.
 - 19. I have never held myself out as being affiliated with New Wave.
- 20. Car Wash Experts has never held itself out as a company being affiliated with New Wave.
- Mr. Foamer has never held itself out as a company being affiliated with New Wave.
- 22. Mr. Foamer has never alleged on its website, <u>www.mrfoamer.com</u>, that Mr. Foamer is a company owned by New Wave or a company affiliated with New Wave.
- 23. I have never claimed or stated to anyone that I was the inventor of the New Wave Turbo Foam Generator.
- 24. The posting on Mr. Foamer's Facebook account webpage as shown in Exhibit A to this affidavit, namely "Jim you said you were the inventor," was made by a person named "Dave Wright." (See attached Exhibit "A").
 - 25. I do not know and never met a person named Dave Wright.
- 26. I have never claimed or stated to anyone that New Wave appropriated the New Wave Turbo Foam Generator from me.

- 27. Car Wash Experts has not purchased products sold by New Wave for the purpose of promoting its own products.
- 28. Mr. Foamer has not purchased products sold by New Wave for the purpose of promoting its own products.

Confidential Information

- 29. I never received any confidential or proprietary information about any product sold by New Wave from New Wave.
- 30. Car Wash Experts never received any confidential or proprietary information about any product sold by New Wave from New Wave.
- 31. Mr. Foamer never received any confidential or proprietary information about any product sold by New Wave from New Wave.
- 32. Aside from invoices, the only documents (the "Documents") I have ever received from New Wave were emailed to me by New Wave in two separate emails on or about November 17, 2011, copies of which are attached as Exhibit B to this affidavit (Exhibit "B").
- 33. The Documents consist of six (6) brochures/advertisement pertaining to the products sold by New Wave, a blank document entitled "customer information sheet," a blank document entitled "account agreement form," a blank document entitled "order form," a blank form entitled "authorized users," a form entitled "order instructions," and a price list. A copy of the Documents is attached as Exhibit C to this affidavit (Exhibit "C").

The New Wave Christmas Card

- 34. I never received an original or copy of the Christmas card sent by New Wave as seen on Exhibit D to this Affidavit. (See attached Exhibit "D," New Wave Christmas card.)
- 35. The first time I saw a copy of the Christmas card sent by New Wave as seen on Exhibit D was when I was served with a copy of the Motion for a Preliminary Injunction (D.E. 17) filed by New Wave in this action.
- 36. I did not adopt "Mr. Foamer, Inc." as a company name in an effort to create an association with New Wave.

New Wave Products and Consumer Recognition

- 37. Third parties do not associate the design of the New Wave Turbo Foam Generator with New Wave.
- 38. Third parties do not know that New Wave is the source of the Turbo Foam Generator.
- 39. Third parties do not associate the design of the New Wave Elephant Ears Applicator with New Wave.
- 40. Third parties do not know that New Wave is the source of the Elephant Ears Applicator.

The New Wave Foamer Designs

41. The use of the color blue in advertising and promotional materials in the car wash industry is extremely common as the color blue is generally associated with the color of water.

- 42. The design and shape of New Wave's Turbo Foam Generator is not unique to foamers and is actually common in the car wash industry as shown in the attached photographs evidencing that competitors of New Wave use a similar design and shape for competitive foamers (Exhibit E).
- 43. New Wave's Turbo Foam Generator is a variation of a commonly seen design for foamers used in the car wash industry.
- 44. New Wave's Elephant Ears Applicator is a variation of a commonly seen design for foam applicators used in the car wash industry.
- The configuration of the New Wave's Turbo Foam Generator are 45. functional in nature: (1) the design of the foam insert of the Turbo Foam Generator allows easy disassembly and removal of the insert from the device; (2) the number of the inlet ports on the housing of the New Wave's Turbo Foam Generator is necessary for the device to perform its intended use—one inlet port for the entry of the air/water, the other inlet port for the entry of the chemicals in the generator; (3) the placement of the inlets on the upper part of the device is required in order to deliver the air/water and chemicals from the top portion and allow them to flow downwards and throughout the device until they reach the bottom portion—placement of these inlets anywhere else on the foamer would not allow the foamer to work properly; (5) the alternating elements on the insert of the New Wave's Turbo Foam Generator allow the foam to be created in a more consistent manner; (6) the transparent housing of New Wave's Turbo Foam Generator determines when the device is dirty and needs to be cleaned; and (7) the upper and lower couplings and their location on New Wave's Turbo Foam Generator allow the mounting of an outlet to the device.

- 50. The term "GENERATOR" is often used in the car wash industry to refer to a device which generates foam.
- 51. The term "APPLICATOR" is often used in the car wash industry to refer to a device to apply foam to cars in the car wash industry.
- 52. The term "FOAMER" is often used in the car wash industry to refer to a device which generates foam to be applied to cars in the car wash industry.
- 53. The terms "ELEPHANT EARS" are used by a company called Sonny's Enterprises Inc., one of the most famous companies in the car wash industry. Sonny's Enterprises Inc. uses the terms "ELEPHANT EARS" in connection with the sale of its drying device in the car wash industry.

By: James McClimond

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Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this \(\) day of \(\) \(\

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- 5. Car Wash Experts used to sell car wash related products manufactured by third parties.
 - 6. Car Wash Experts stopped selling products sometime around June 2013.
 - 7. Car Wash Experts currently does not sell any products.

Trademark Use

- Car Wash Experts does not use a trademark containing the terms "TURBO
 FOAM" in connection with the sale of any product or service.
- 9. Mr. Foamer does not use a trademark containing the terms "TURBO FOAM" in connection with the sale of any product or service.
- 10. Car Wash Experts does not use a trademark containing the terms "ELEPHANT EARS" in connection with the sale of any product or service.
- 11. Mr. Foamer does not use a trademark containing the terms "ELEPHANT EARS" in connection with the sale of any product or service.
- 12. Car Wash Experts does not use a trademark containing the terms "MR. FOAMER" in connection with the sale of any product or service.
- 13. Mr. Foamer does not use a trademark containing the terms "MR. FOAMER" in connection with the sale of any product.
- 14. New Wave Innovations, Inc. ("New Wave") does not sell any product or service under the trademark "MR. FOAMER."
- 15. I have expended approximately over \$30,000.00 in branding my company as "Mr. Foamer, Inc." and any requirement that I rebrand my company will likely cost as much if not more.

Trademark/Service Mark Application, Principal Register

Serial Number: 86108666 Filing Date: 11/02/2013

To the Commissioner for Trademarks:

MARK: MR. FOAMER (Standard Characters, see mark)
The literal element of the mark consists of MR. FOAMER.
The mark consists of standard characters, without claim to any particular font, style, size, or color.

The applicant, Mr. Foamer, Inc., a corporation of Florida, having an address of 164 Barbados Drive
Jupiter, Florida 33458
United States

requests registration of the trademark/service mark identified above in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the Principal Register established by the Act of July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. Section 1051 et seq.), as amended, for the following:

International Class 003: car wash cleaning and polishing preparations

Intent to Use: The applicant has a bona fide intention to use or use through the applicant's related company or licensee the mark in commerce on or in connection with the identified goods and/or services. (15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b)).

International Class 035: sale of car wash equipment and parts thereof including sale of equipment of others

In International Class 035, the mark was first used by the applicant or the applicant's related company or licensee or predecessor in interest at least as early as 08/10/2012, and first used in commerce at least as early as 08/10/2012, and is now in use in such commerce. The applicant is submitting one(or more) specimen(s) showing the mark as used in commerce on or in connection with any item in the class of listed goods and/or services, consisting of a(n) brochure sent to customers showing use of the mark used in connection with the services.

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Specimen File

International Class 037: installation and maintenance of car wash equipment and parts thereof

In International Class 037, the mark was first used by the applicant or the applicant's related company or licensee or predecessor in interest at least as early as 11/02/2013, and first used in commerce at least as

EXHIBIT "1"

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| 4 | NEW WAVE INNOVATIONS, INC., Miami, Florida | | | |
| 5 | Plaintiff, October 29, 2013 | | | |
| 6 | vs. 10:18 a.m. to 4:43 p.m. | | | |
| 7 8 | JAMES McCLIMOND, MR. FOAMER, INC., and CAR WASH EXPERTS, INC., | | | |
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| 9 | Defendants. Pages 1 to 286 | | | |
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| 11 | MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION FOR TRADEMARK AND TRADE DRESS INFRINGEMENT | | | |
| 12 | BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM C. TURNOFF, | | | |
| 13 | UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE | | | |
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- 1 THE COURT: Your client is raising his hand.
- MR. FARO: I know. I don't want to consult. I don't
- 3 want to consult.
- 4 BY MR. FARO:
- 5 Q. You indicated earlier that the Mr. Foamer designation, for
- 6 lack of a better term, was not used on any product. Is that
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. That is correct.
- 9 Q. Do you consider the Mr. Foamer designation a valuable
- 10 | property right?
- 11 A. My corporate name, yes. Absolutely.
- 12 Q. What about the use of that Mr. Foamer name in your business
- 13 | in terms of promoting the business?
- 14 A. Yes. It's very important.
- 15 Q. Do you consider the Mr. Foamer name as your corporate
- 16 identity?
- 17 A. Yes, I do.
- 18 Q. So is it fair to say that it represents your company as a
- 19 distributor of products such as the Twist 'n Foam generator?
- 20 A. It's the name of our company. Yes.
- 21 Q. But it's used -- you're recognized as a distributor through
- 22 | that name of these products?
- 23 A. No. Our distributors are not recognized over --
- 24 | Q. You are recognized as a distributor of commercial car wash
- 25 | products on the Mr. Foamer name -- under the Mr. Foamer name?

- 1 Α. No. As I said, I we want on Google to three or four 2 different trademark --3 I'm just asking these questions. Sure. Absolutely. And I'm answering. Yes, sir. 4 Α. 5 Q. Now, when you -- do you consider Mr. Foamer a service or trademark of your company? 6 7 A. We don't sell Mr. Foamer --MR. PALMER: Your Honor, I'm going to object to the 8 9 extent that it calls for a legal conclusion. THE COURT: I'll sustain it. 10 BY MR. FARO: 11 Q. Do you have any intellectual property rights covering any 12 13 of your products? 14 A. We currently have a provisional patent filed in, I believe, 15 April of this year for the Twist 'n Kleen generator. 16 Q. Which embodiment? 17 A. What's that? 18 Q. Any particular embodiment? Is there some particular
- 20 MR. PALMER: Objection, your Honor.
- 21 THE WITNESS: It's confidential.
- THE COURT: What's an embodiment?
- MR. FARO: The embodiment being the improved
- 24 configuration or the original configuration.
- THE COURT: Counsel?

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embodiment?